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IRREGULARITIES IN PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount provided to the Meteorological Department for the procurement of equipment from the foreign countries to present accurate weather forecast during the last three years, Year-wise;

(b) whether certain irregularities have been noticed in the procurement of equipment by the IMD;

(c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken against the guilty officials; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the functioning of the Meteorological Department and the equipment therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL) (a) Details of expenditure incurred by the India Meteorological Department for procurement of equipments from foreign countries during the last three years are as follows:

Financial Year
Expenditure Incurred for Procurement of capital equipment from foreign countries,

(Rs in crores).

2001-2002 24.86
2002-2003 31.26
2003-2004 28.36

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise, Sir

(d) The Department has replaced the conventional cyclone warning system in the state of art system in cyclone prone areas. For improving the weather forecasting, upper air information gathering systems have been installed at various places. To improve agromet advisory services, new equipments to gather soil moisture data have been installed.